

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-28 and 37-40 remain in the application for further prosecution. Claim 29 has been amended. Applicant has canceled claims 32-36 without prejudice.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-28 and 37-40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,544,120 (“Ainsworth ‘120”) in view of U.S. Publication No. 2002/0047238 (Ainsworth ‘038”) and U.S. Publication No. 2005/0130731 (“Englman”).

Claims 29-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Ainsworth ‘120 in view of U.S. Publication No. 2003/0054872 (“Locke”).

Interview Summary

The Applicant notes with appreciation the telephonic interview with Examiners Torimiro and Hotaling on September 2, 2009. The Applicant agrees with the Interview Summary Sheet provided at the end of the interview in which the Examiner indicated that the claims as written overcome the Ainsworth ‘038 reference. Applicant agreed to cancel the claims relating to adding multipliers to the array. The Examiner indicated that he would fully consider Applicant’s request for reconsideration.

Applicant has canceled claims 32-36 without prejudice in accordance with the interview. The remaining claims all require that symbols are inserted between the symbols of a first array to form a second array without replacing any of the symbols in the first array. The Examiner acknowledged that Ainsworth ‘038 and the other references do not disclose these elements. Applicant has amended claim 29 to depend on claim 1 and therefore claim 29 and corresponding dependent claims 30-31 are now allowable. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-31 and 37-40 are allowable.

Conclusion

It is Applicant's belief that all of the claims are now in condition for allowance and actions towards that effect is respectfully requested.

If there are any matters which may be resolved or clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the number indicated.

Respectfully submitted,

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